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FAQs about Tyson Independent Poultry and Hog Growers

What are the requirements for becoming a grower for Tyson?

A. Tyson growers are located within what we call complexes—areas of operations, each of which includes a feedmill, a hatchery, at least one processing plant and the offices of the people who provide technical assistance to the growers. Tyson has twenty-eight such poultry complexes in the United States and six live swine complexes (the live swine complexes don't include processing facilities). Normally the farms are required to be within thirty to forty miles of the feedmill in the complex.

Does Tyson own the property these farms are on?

A. No, the farms are owned by the contract growers.

Who provides what in this contract relationship?

A. Tyson provides the birds, the feed and the technical assistance to raise the birds. The grower provides the facility, the labor, and utilities.<

What if feed prices go up or the price of chicken meat goes down?

A. One of the good things about the contract relationship is that it insulates the grower from these variables by guaranteeing a consistent price for his efforts, no matter what feed or grocery markets are doing.

Is Tyson looking for new growers?

A. At this time, most of our complexes are adding very little production and have waiting lists of people wanting to become new growers or to expand their existing operations.

How would I find out if Tyson is adding new growers in my area?

A. Call the complex administration for the area in which you're interested. Phone numbers are listed [here](#).

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